

The House of Commons met at 10.15 a.m. on Monday, 19 January 1972. The Speaker, Mr. Kenneth Robinson, presided. The House was opened by the reading of the Declaration of Sentiments. The House then proceeded to the Order of Business. The first item was the Statement by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, Mr. James Callaghan, on the subject of the proposed new Immigration Act. Mr. Callaghan stated that the Government were determined to continue to control immigration in a fair and equitable manner. He then outlined the main provisions of the proposed Act, which would provide for a more rational and efficient system of immigration control. The House then adjourned until 2.15 p.m.